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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-124-1]

Availability of a Supplement to the Horse Protection Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of the availability of a supplement to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Horse Protection Strategic Plan and are inviting comments on it. The supplement concerns the Horse Protection Act operating plan for the 1999 show season for Tennessee Walking Horses and other gaited horses.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before January 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 98-124-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 98-124-1. Copies of the supplement to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Horse Protection Strategic Plan may be obtained either by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or electronically at <http://www.aphis.gov/ac>. A copy of the supplement and comments received on the supplement are also available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect the supplement or comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-

2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Watkins, Initiatives Coordinator, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-4981; or e-mail: richard.h.watkins@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The practice known as "soring" is the causing of pain in Tennessee Walking Horses and other gaited horses, in order to affect their performance. The Horse Protection Act (HPA) (11 U.S.C. *et seq.*) was enacted for the purpose of eliminating soring by prohibiting the showing, exhibition, transport or sale of sore horses. Exercising its rulemaking and enforcement authority under the HPA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issues and enforces regulations regarding horse protection at title 9, chapter I, part 11, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

In 1995, APHIS initiated development of a Horse Protection Strategic Plan, designed to achieve the elimination of soring by strengthening APHIS's relationship with the walking horse industry. A notice of the availability of the final Horse Protection Strategic Plan was published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 1997 (62 FR 63510, Docket No. 97-105-1). Based on our experience using the Horse Protection Strategic Plan during the 1998 show season for Tennessee Walking Horses and other gaited horses, we determined that a supplement to the Horse Protection Strategic Plan, explaining and clarifying operating procedures, would be useful for the 1999 show season. This notice announces the availability of that supplement and invites comment from the horse industry and other interested members of the public.

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of January 1999.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposal to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities and service previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: February 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodity and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.